

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of determining an annotation for a document, the method comprising the steps of:

obtaining an user-proposed annotation proposed by a user to be associated with the document; and

automatically determining, in accordance with a knowledge base containing allowed annotations, whether the user-proposed annotation matches at least one or more allowed annotations from the knowledge base; ~~wherein~~

annotating the document with the user-proposed an allowed annotation from the knowledge base may be associated with the document when the user-proposed annotation matches the at least one allowed annotation from the knowledge base;

wherein the user need not consider any annotations when a single allowed annotation is automatically determined to match the user-proposed annotation, and when more than a single annotation is automatically determined to match the user-proposed annotation: (a) in a first mode, the user need only consider the matching allowed annotations and select one of the matching allowed annotations; and (b) in a second mode, the user need not consider any annotations but rather one of the allowed annotations is automatically selected.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of notifying the user that the user-proposed annotation does not match at least one allowed annotation, when no match is found.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of storing a user-proposed annotation/allowed annotation match, when a match is found.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of notifying the user that the user-proposed annotation matches more than one allowed annotation, when more than one match is found.

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